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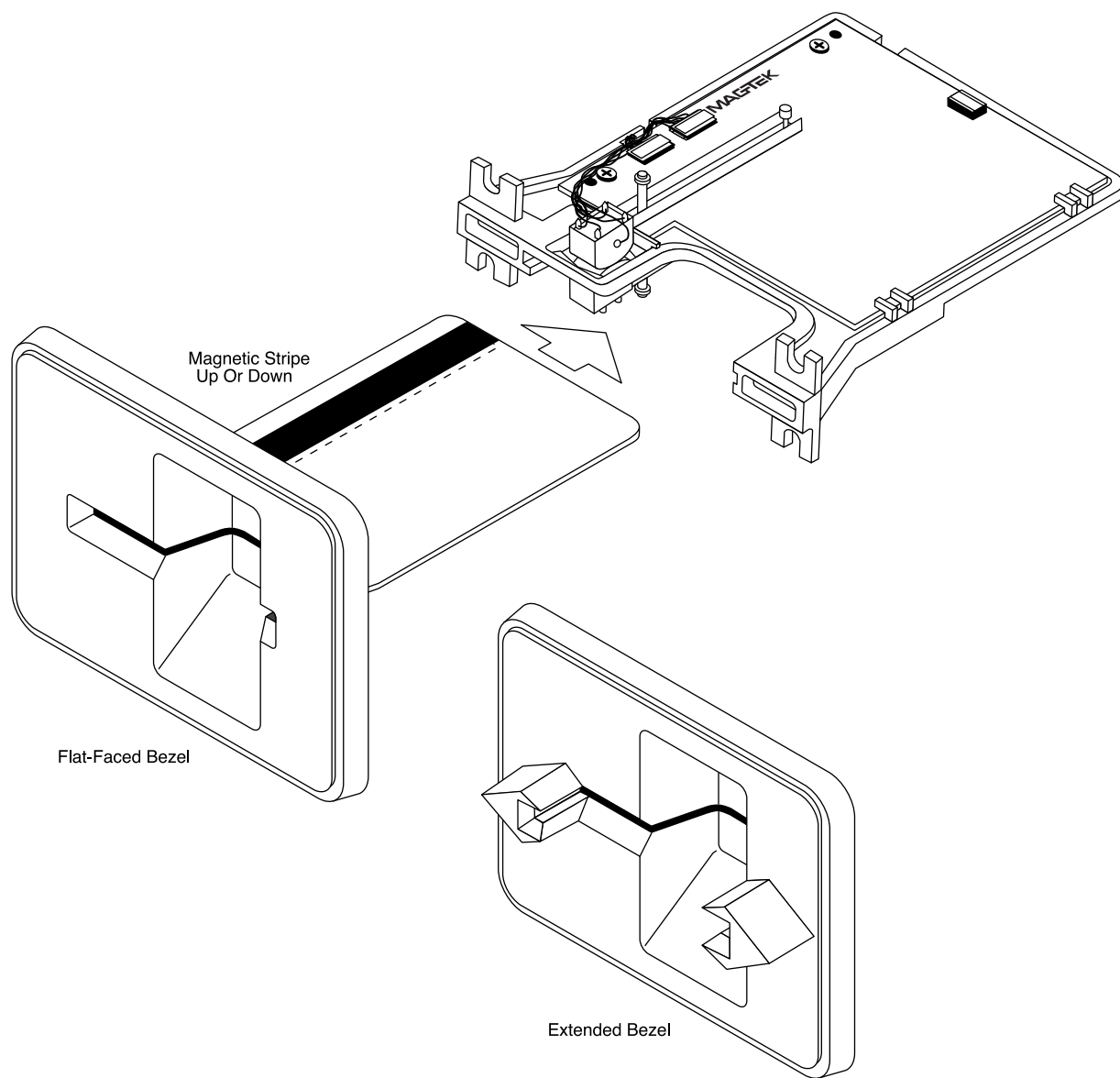
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**Figure 1-1. Port Powered Insertion Reader Configurations**

## SECTION 1. FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Port Powered Insertion Reader can be single or dual head configuration. Figure 1-1 shows the Reader, the card orientation, and two bezel configurations. The dual head configuration can read the card on insertion and removal with the magnetic stripe facing up or down. The single head configuration can read the card on insertion and removal if the stripe is oriented to match the position of the head.

The Reader also has circuitry that automatically ensures that the ISO magnetic stripe is read in the case where a dual-stripe JIS (Japanese) credit card is inserted on the dual head unit.

The Reader conforms to the following specifications: ISO (International Standards Organization), ANSI (American National Standards Institute). The Reader conforms to specifications for Tracks 1 and 2 of the following 3-Track formats: AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) and CDL (California Drivers License).

### FEATURES

Features of the Reader are as follows:

- Port Powered RS-232 Interface – No power pack required, powered from PC port with computers having an RS-232 interface.
- Card Present Opto-sensor – Detects if card is fully inserted in Reader.
- Single or Dual Read Head – Configuration can be Single or Dual Read Head.
- JIS Discrimination circuitry – On dual head modules, automatically detects if a dual-stripe JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) card is inserted, and autoroutes the ISO data signals to microcontroller. This ensures that dual-head features still work for Japanese card holders.
- Mag-Stripe reading during insertion and removal of card – For reliable card reading.
- Open Chassis design – Provides superior debris clearing capability.
- Half-card Drop out – Allows half-sized credit cards and coins to be cleared from insert channel.
- Isolated PCB – Isolates electronics from debris and liquids.
- AGC (Automatic Gain Control) in MagTek's latest read IC – Enhances read performance with less susceptibility to RF interference.
- Beam-mounted Read-heads – Provides superior tracking of bowed or warped cards.
- Ruggedized Chassis and Bezel Material – Improves temperature and impact performance.
- Command Selectable Buffered or Unbuffered Modes – Provides greater versatility of operating modes.
- Command Selectable Framing Characters – Provides selection of STX, ETX, ESC, and CR.
- ASCII Message Format at 9600 bps.

## CONFIGURATIONS

Table 1-1 lists the part numbers, single or dual head, head positions, and bezel types.

**Table 1-1. Configurations\***

Part Number	Single or Dual Head	Head Position**	Bezel	Track	Head Connector
21065085	Single	Head down /left	No Bezel	1-2	J3
21065086	Single	Head up/right	No Bezel	1-2	J2
21065087	Single	Head down/left	Extended Bezel	1-2	J3
21065088	Single	Head up/right	Extended Bezel	1-2	J2
21065089	Single	Head down/left	Flat Faced Bezel	1-2	J3
21065090	Single	Head up/right	Flat Faced Bezel	1-2	J2
21065091	Dual	Both	No Bezel	1-2	J2, J3
21065092	Dual	Both	Extended Bezel	1-2	J2, J3
21065093	Dual	Both	Flat Faced Bezel	1-2	J2, J3
21065097	Single	Head down/left	Flat Faced Bezel	2-3	J2
21065142	Dual	Both	Flat Faced Bezel	1,2,3	J2, J3

\* Cables not supplied. (See Section 2 for descriptions of cables.)

\*\* The magnetic stripe is inserted in the same orientation as the head position; for example, Head down/left means Magnetic Stripe down or left.

## MODES OF OPERATION

The Reader can operate in either unbuffered or buffered mode. The modes are described below. The note that follows applies to both modes.

### *Note*

*The insertion and removal of the card must be done in a continuous motion. If not, the Reader may not read the encoded data properly. In that case, the Reader responds by either transmitting the ASCII character “E” representing an error, or by not transmitting any character, which indicates that the Reader has not detected data and the card was not completely inserted.*

### Unbuffered Mode

When a card is inserted and removed, a read attempt is made during both insertion and removal. If the read is successful, data (including the two sentinel characters) is sent to the PC. The data is transmitted immediately after removing the card and not retained in the Reader.

When operating in the unbuffered mode, the Reader does not need to receive commands from the host in order to transmit data or status characters, and data, if available; however, the Reader does respond to an “Inquiry Command” by sending status characters. The inquiry command that requests the transmission is the ESCAPE (ESC) character followed by “I” (0x49).

In the unbuffered mode, data can be retrieved from the card after the card has been inserted and while it is blocking the rear sensor. Issuing an “Inquiry Command” (see Section 3) will retrieve data from the card.

### **Buffered Mode**

When a card is inserted and removed, a read attempt is made during both insertion and removal. Upon removal of the card if the read is successful, data (including the two sentinel characters) is stored in a memory buffer on the Reader and is not transmitted until the Reader receives an “Inquiry Command” from the host. This command is the ESCAPE character followed by “I”. The data or error status is available when the back sensor is blocked, however the Release Command will not clear the buffer. The Reader cannot read another card until the buffer is cleared. To clear the buffer, the Host must transmit the ESCAPE character followed by “R”.

The unit will always output a 1 and enabled optional characters when the back sensor is first blocked. It will output a 0 and enabled optional characters when the card has been withdrawn. See Section 3, Table 3-4 for detailed examples.

### **RELATED DOCUMENTS**

MagTek 99875125	The MagTek Device Drivers for Windows, Part Number 30037385; may be used with the Port Powered Insertion Reader. The title of the manual is <i>MagTek Device Drivers For Windows Programming Reference Manual</i> .
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The Port Powered Insertion Reader will read cards that meet the standards defined by ISO (International Standards Organization):

ISO 7811	Identification Cards - Mag-stripe Cards, Tracks 1-3
ISO 7810	Identification Cards - Physical Specifications (ID-1 Cards)

Available from ANSI	Phone 212-642-4900, <a href="http://www.ansi.org">www.ansi.org</a>
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## SPECIFICATIONS

The Specifications are listed in Table 1-2.

**Table 1-2. Specifications**

OPERATING		
Reference Standards	ISO7810 and 7811; JIS B9561	
Power Input	From RS-232 Interface	
Interface Signal	RS-232 compatible	
Message Format	ASCII	
Tracks (tracks 1-2 versions)	Reads ISO Tk1 and Tk2 data locations	
Tracks (tracks 2-3 versions)	Reads ISO Tk2 and Tk3 data locations	
Track Card Speed	3 to 100 IPS (7,6 to 250 cm/sec)	
Head Life	500,000 Insertion Cycles (1,000,000 head passes)	
ELECTRICAL		
	Printed Circuit Board 21063608 (discontinued)	Printed Circuit Board 21063619 or 21063550
DTR Voltage (Input) V <sub>DTR</sub>	+5 to +15 VDC operating +16 VDC absolute maximum -25 VDC absolute maximum	+5 to +15 VDC operating +/-20 VDC absolute maximum
Transmit Data (TXD)	+/-5 VDC minimum	+/- (V <sub>DTR</sub> – 0.4 V) VDC minimum
Receive Data (RXD)	+/-15 VDC operating +/-25 VDC absolute maximum	+/-15 VDC operating +/-20 VDC absolute maximum
Communication (bursts of 5 ms transmit with 10 ms idle between bursts)	Transfer Rate: 9600 bps, 33% duty cycle; 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit	Transfer Rate: 9600 bps, 33% duty cycle; 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit
DTR Current Or Auxiliary Supply Current (Positive supply to unit)	See below	* 3.7 mA minimum required under all operating conditions with cable capacitance limited to 1000pF (and practically unlimited inrush current)
Power On	12 mA Max (and practically unlimited inrush current)	See above.
Transmitting	11 mA typical, 5 ms duration	See above.
Quiescent	6 mA typical, continuous	See above.
RXD Current	Within RS-232 specified limits (does not function as a negative supply to unit)	Average current approximates that of a normal RS-232 load. (Negative supply to unit)
Output Cable	Not Specified	See note “*” below.
MECHANICAL		
Dimensions	Without bezel	With Flat-faced Bezel With Extended Bezel
Length	4.4" (111.8 mm)	4.58" (116.3 mm) 5.09" (129.3 mm)
Width	3.51" (89.2 mm)	4.00" (101.6 mm) 4.00" (101.6 mm)
Height	1.24" (31.5 mm)	3.00" (76.2 mm) 3.00" (76.2 mm)
Bezel Thickness	Flat Faced: 0.31" (7.9mm); Extended: 0.82" (20.8 mm)	
Weight	Without bezel	With Flat-faced Bezel With Extended Bezel
	2.25 oz (65 gr)	3.85 oz (109 gr) 4.02 oz (114 gr)

ENVIRONMENTAL		
	Printed Circuit Board 21063608 (discontinued)	Printed Circuit Board 21063619 or 21063550
Temperature		
Operating	Units shipped prior to Nov 1, 2003: 32 °F to 131 °F (0 °C to 55 °C)  Units shipped after Nov 1, 2003: -4 °F to 158 °F (-20 °C to 70 °C)	-40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)
Storage	-40 °F to 176 °F (-40 °C to 80 °C)	-40°F to 176°F (-40°C to 80°C)
Humidity		
Operating	10% to 90% noncondensing	
Storage	Up to 100% noncondensing	

- \* The 3.7 mA figure is for continuous data transmission at 33% duty cycle while reading a card with both heads at once (stripe on each side). Typical capacitance from TXD is about 1000 pF for our standard 2 m cable. Minimum DTR current ‘I<sub>T</sub>’ required for continuous transmission at 33% duty cycle, while reading a card with both heads, with cable capacitance ‘C’ is approximately:

$$I_T = (3.5 \text{ mA}) + (10 \text{ V}) * 33\% * (9600 \text{ Hz}) / 2 * C.$$

Maximum transmission burst time ‘T’ at 33% duty cycle for RS-232 compatibility is approximately:

$$T = (64 \text{ } \mu\text{F}) * (5 \text{ V} - 3.4 \text{ V}) / (I_T - I_S), \text{ where } I_S \text{ is the current supplied by the DTR line (T is unlimited for } I_S > I_T)$$

Subtract 1 mA from I<sub>T</sub> if it is known that both heads will not be used simultaneously (this is guaranteed on single-head versions).

A note about “port-powered” readers: These readers operate off some combination of otherwise unused RS-232 lines, DTR and TXD from the host in this case. Per the RS-232 specification, these lines are only required to drive a 3 kΩ load at +/-5 V. This is a current of merely 5 V / 3 kΩ=1.67 mA per line. All “port-powered” readers fundamentally require more current than 1.67 mA (consider that at least 1.67 mA must be supplied to a 3 kΩ load, and some extra current is needed for the circuit that does so). Thus these readers are not technically guaranteed to work unless multiple unused lines are used for power and/or some duty cycle limit is imposed on transmitting while employing an energy storage device (a capacitor). In practice, however most ports can easily supply the 2.7 mA at +5 V required by this *new* reader on DTR and the near-specification average TXD (from host) current at -5 V. This *new* reader is MagTek’s lowest current “port-powered” reader to date. Strictly speaking, some RS-232 ports may not supply the required current, and this is the reason for including a current consumption specification for a “port-powered” device. The current drive capability of an RS-232 port is not typically specified, so experimentation may be required in a particular application. If more current is needed for the positive supply, RTS may be paralleled with DTR (both host-referenced) in the cabling to the unit. If this is done, the host must of course hold RTS high.



## SECTION 2. INSTALLATION

This section describes cabling information, mounting dimensions and PCB layout.

The installation consists of mounting the Reader and connecting the cable. The head may be on top of the PCB, under the PCB, or if the unit has dual heads, both. The head, or heads, are installed in the factory to customer specifications.

### CONNECTORS

The connector pin list is shown in Table 2-1. The mating connector for J4 is Molex 51021-0400. The terminals are Molex 50058-8000.

**Table 2-1. J4 Connector - RS232**

PIN NUMBER	SIGNAL (HOST AS REFERENCE)
J4-1	RXD (To PC)
J4-2	TXD (From PC)
J4-3	DTR (From PC)
J4-4	GND

All pins must be connected as shown.

### OPTIONAL RS-232 CABLE

Optional serial cables, part numbers 21051499 (black) or 21041469 (white), are available. One end connects to J4 and the other end is a DE-9 female. The pin list for the cable connectors is shown in Table 2-2.

**Table 2-2. Pin List for Cables 21051499 and 21041469**

P1	SIGNAL	COLOR	P2
1	NC*	--	--
2	RXD	YELLOW	1
3	TXD	GREEN	2
4	DTR	ORANGE	3
5	GND	BROWN	4
6-9	NC*	--	--

All pins must be connected as shown.

\* NC = No connection

## MOUNTING

Figure 2-1 shows the dimensions for mounting when using a flat-faced MagTek Bezel. Figure 2-2 shows the dimensions for mounting when using an extended MagTek Bezel. In these configurations, the top view and the side view show the head mounted under the PCB with connector J2 used. Note that for newer units (using PCB 21063619), the printed circuit board is reduced in size from that shown, and the location of J4 is shifted.

The other head configurations are shown in Figure 1-1.

### *Note*

*For users who are interested in designing their own bezel, please refer to the dimensions provided in Appendix A.*

Figure 2-3 shows the board layout and indicates the cable connections for all head positions.

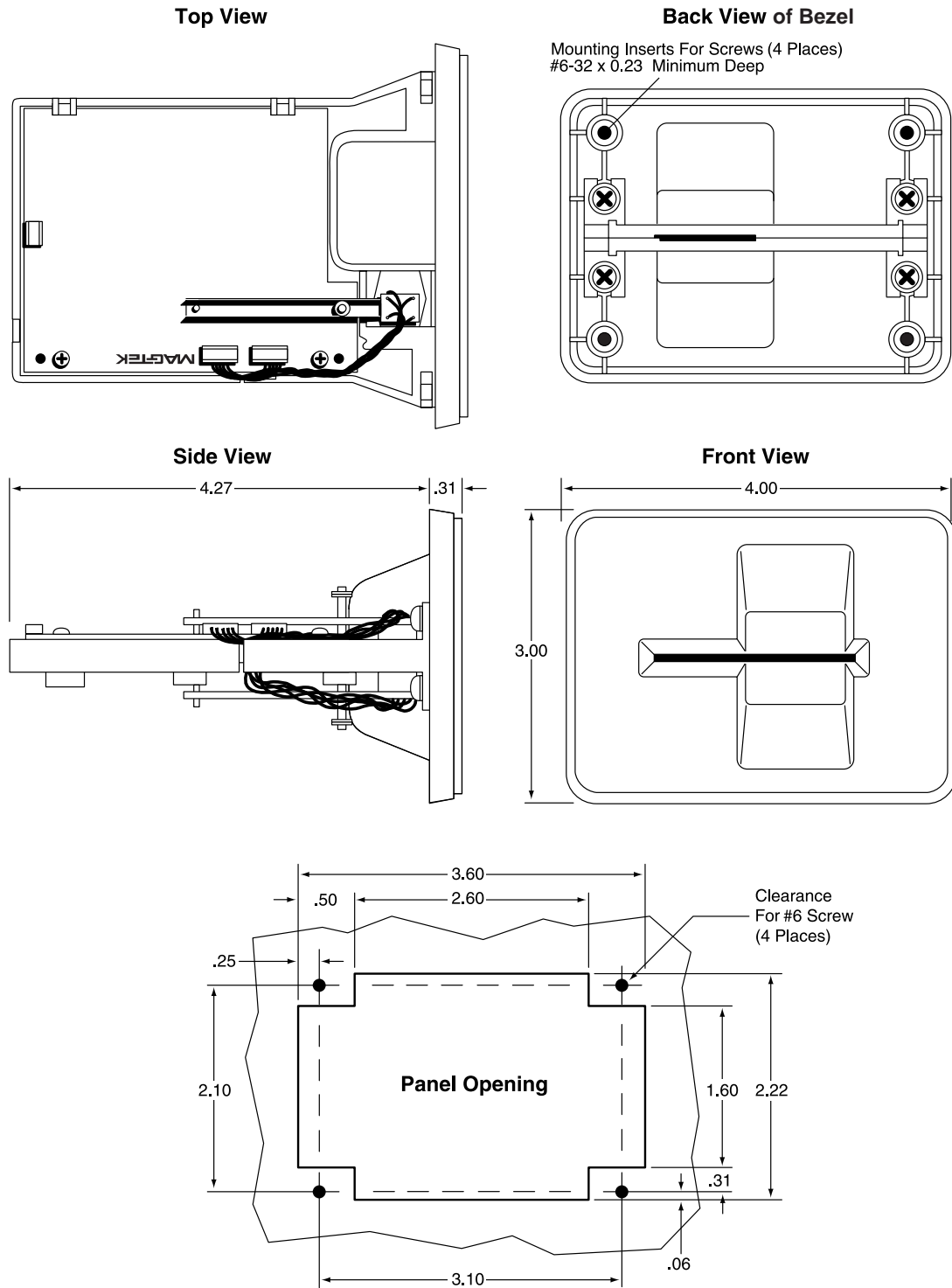
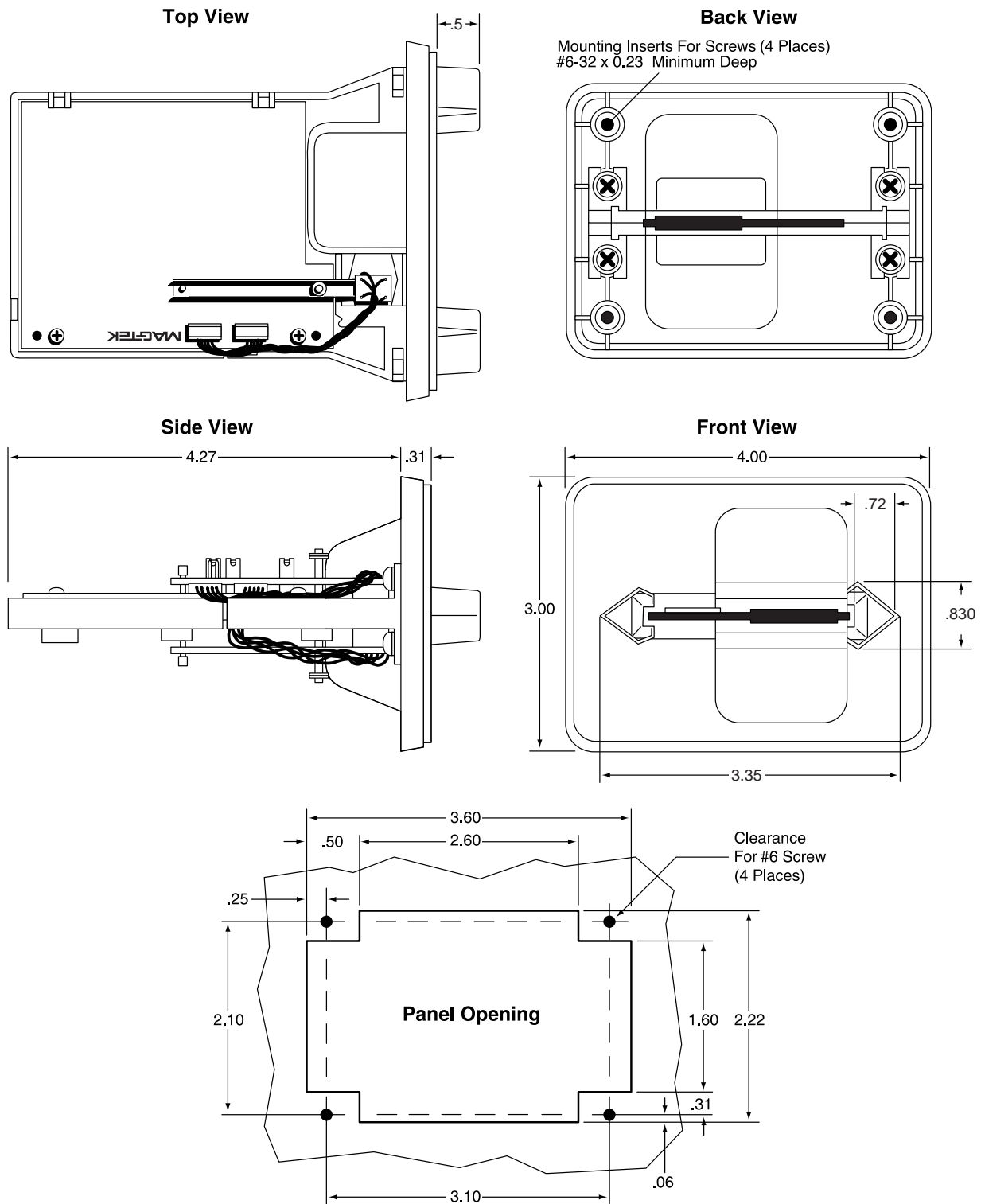
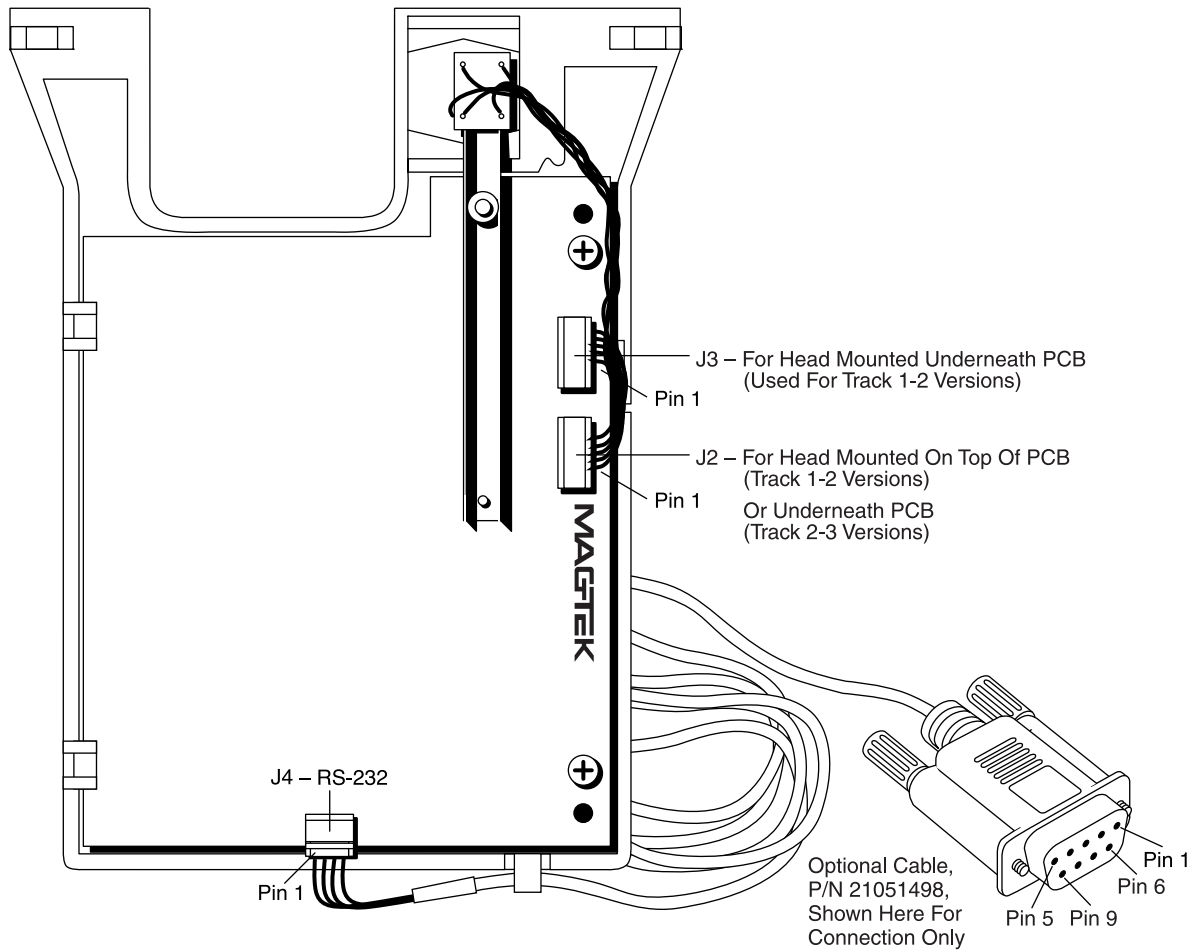


Figure 2-1. MagTek Flat-Faced Bezel Mounting Dimensions



### Figure 2-2. MagTek Extended Bezel Mounting Dimensions



**Figure 2-3. Board Layout and Cable Connections**

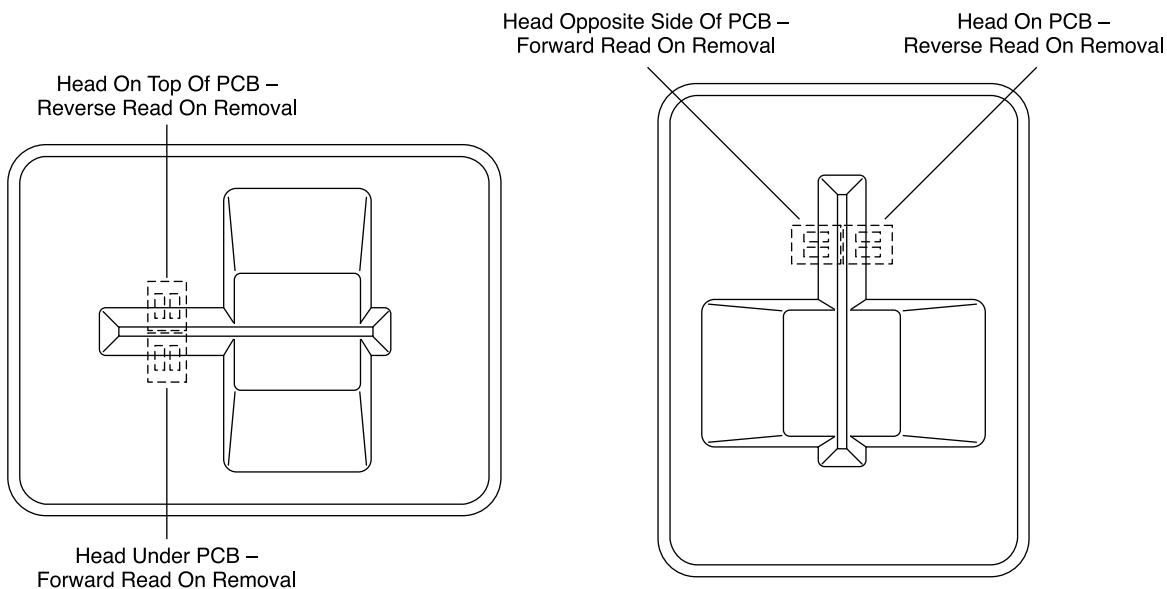
*Note*

*As shown in Figure 2-3, there is also a cable with a tie wrap, which may add to the length of the unit. If used as shown, approximately 0.25 inch is added to the length of the unit.*

## CARD INSERTION AND ORIENTATION

The Reader can be mounted in two positions as shown in Figure 2-4. On the left panel of the illustration, the card is inserted with the magnetic stripe to the left. On the right panel of the illustration, the card is inserted with the magnetic stripe up. These are the mounting positions that permit any foreign object inserted into the slot to drop out of the reader.

The card may be inserted with the magnetic stripe either facing up or down, and data is read in either the forward or reverse direction as indicated in the illustration. For forward read, the start sentinel is read first; for reverse read, the start sentinel is read last.



**Figure 2-4. Card Insertion and Orientation**

Although the card is read during insertion, the data will not be transmitted until the card is withdrawn. If an error is encountered during insertion, the card will be read again as the card is removed. In either case, the device will indicate that the card has been inserted when the rear sensor is blocked.

## SECTION 3. COMMANDS, FORMATS, TIMING

This section includes commands, message formats, and transmission timing.

The MagTek Device Drivers for Windows, part number 30037385, may be used with the Port Powered Insertion Reader. When these drivers are used, refer to *MagTek Device Driver for Windows, Programming Reference Manual*, Part Number 99875125.

When power is applied, the Reader transmits a sign-on ID message. About 150 milliseconds after DTR is applied, the Reader sends the part number of the firmware in the following form: 21088819A01. The first 8 characters indicate the firmware number; the letter is the revision, which is followed by a revision sublevel of 01 to 99.

Since the input voltage is supplied by a relatively low source of power, the Reader depends on its input capacitor to maintain proper charge during all operations. In order to reduce the drain on this internal power source during data transmission, the output data is transmitted in 5 to 6 millisecond bursts with a 10-millisecond gap between bursts to allow the capacitor to recharge. The PC software should be able to tolerate this 10-millisecond space between characters.

### HOST TO READER COMMANDS

All commands transmitted from the Host to the Reader must be preceded by the ASCII “ESCAPE” character (0x1B). These command messages may contain other framing characters that are ignored by the Reader. Table 3-1 describes the commands and responses. Table 3-2 lists setting and clearing options and the responses.

**Table 3-1. Commands and Responses**

HOST COMMANDS			READER RESPONSES
COMMAND PREFIX	USE EITHER CHARACTER		
<ESC> (0X1B)	I (0x49)	+ (0x2B)	Inquiry command causes the Reader to transmit data, error, or status message. This command works in both the buffered and unbuffered modes.
<ESC> (01B)	R (0x52)	- (0x2D)	Release command causes the Reader to clear its memory buffer of any data present. This command works only in the Buffered mode.

With firmware part number 21088819 Revision D or above and firmware part number 21088823 Revision B or above, the Inquiry command (I/+) will transmit data after the card has been inserted even if not in the buffered mode. This allows a card to remain in the slot during the transaction. If not in the buffered mode, the card data will also be transmitted when the card is removed. (Refer to Tables 3-3 and 3-4 for examples.)

**Table 3-2. Options and Reader Responses**

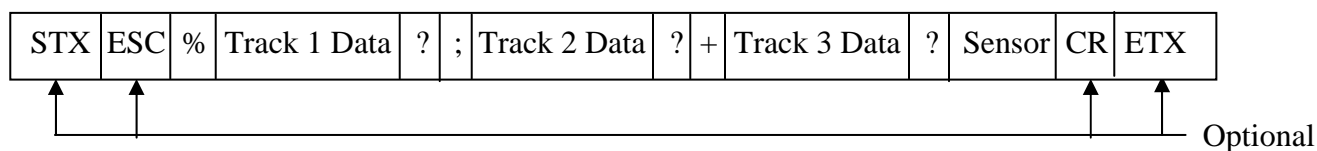
COMMAND PREFIX	TO SET OPTION	TO CLEAR OPTION (DEFAULT)	READER FUNCTION
<ESC> (0x1B)	S (0x53)	s (0x73)	Send STX
<ESC> (0x1B)	E (0x45)	e (0x65)	Send ETX
<ESC> (0x1B)	C (0x43)	c (0x63)	Send CR
<ESC> (0x1B)	P (0x50)	p (0x70)	Send ESC
<ESC> (0x1B)	B (0x42)	b (0x62)	Buffered Mode

*Note*

*If DTR is dropped and restored, the setup options are returned to the default state.*

**READER TO HOST FORMATS**

The following diagram represents the format of the data transmitted to the Host:



Where optional characters

STX (0x02) = Start of text character  
 ESC (0x1B) = Escape character  
 CR (0x0D) = Carriage return character  
 ETX (0x03) = End of Text

are used to frame data.

% = Start Sentinel Track 1  
 ; = Start Sentinel Track 2  
 + = Start Sentinel Track 3  
 ? = End Sentinel

The LRC character is not transmitted.

Track 2 data may be represented as follows:

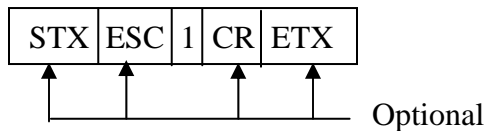
SS	Track 2 Data	ES	Card Sensor
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Where

SS = Start Sentinel: "%" for Track 1; ";" for Track 2; "+" for Track 3  
 Data = Track Data in track order  
 that is, Track 1 then Track 2 or Track 2 then Track 3  
 ES = End Sentinel: "?"  
 Sensor = "0" no card in reader  
 "1" card present in reader (rear sensor blocked)

If there is an error in one of the tracks, the "Track Data" field will be replaced with "E" (0x45).

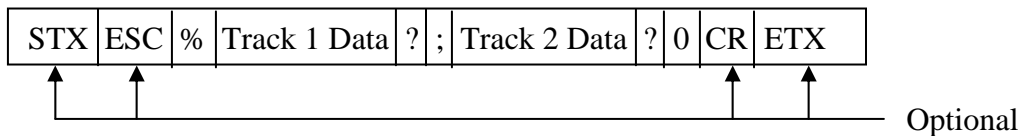
An example of a card insertion or removal is as follows:



Where

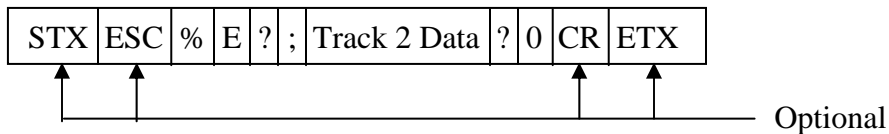
1 = Sensor blocked  
 0 = Sensor unblocked

The following is an example of a good read on withdrawal of a card:



Where 0 represents the sensor unblocked.

The following is an example of a bad read on Track 1 and a good read on Track 2 on withdrawal of a card:

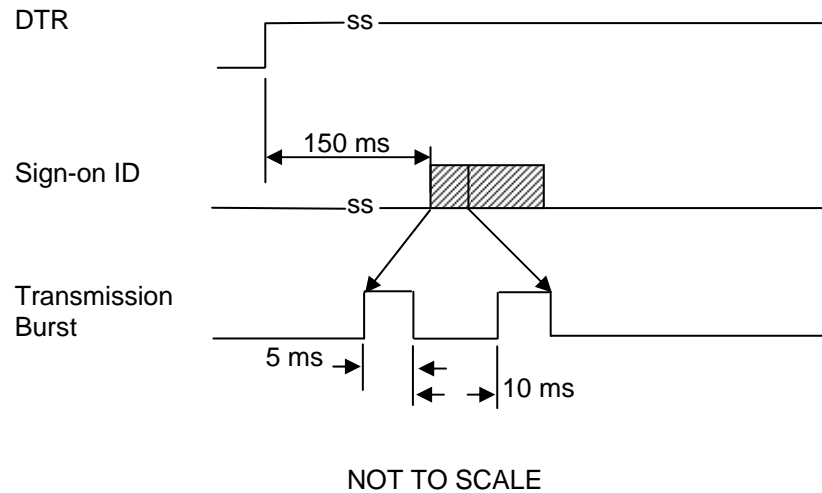


Where

E (0x45) = Error  
 Track 2 Data = Good read Track 2 Data  
 0 = Sensor unblocked

## TIMING FOR ID SIGN-ON AND TRANSMISSION BURSTS

Timing for the ID Sign-on and transmission bursts (5 ms with 10 ms between bursts) are shown in Figure 3-1.



**Figure 3-1. Timing For ID Sign-on and Transmission Bursts.**

The firmware controls the operation of ID Sign-on and Transmission bursts. The ID sign-on is

21088819Ann (Track 1-2)  
21088823Ann (Track 2-3)  
21088851Ann(Track 1,2,3)

Where:

210888xx is the firmware part number,

A is the alpha revision, and

nn is the number sub-revision.

## TRANSMISSIONS EXAMPLES

The following tables show transmission examples:

**Table 3-3. Transmission Data Examples Not in Buffered Mode**

Action	Port Powered Insert Reader Data	PC Data
Card Inserted	1 (0x31)	
PC Sends Inquiry (if the application needs data before card removed)		<ESC> I (0x1B, 0x49)
Bad read on insert so reader sends error plus card status	%E?;E?11 (0x25, 0x45, 0x3F, 0x3B, 0x45, 0x3F, 0x31, 0x31)	
Card removed	%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?0	
Card Inserted	1 (0x31)	
PC Sends Inquiry (if the application needs data before card removed)		<ESC> I (0x1B, 0x49)
Sends card data plus card status	%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?11	
Card removed (card data is always transmitted when the card is removed if not in buffered mode)	%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?0	

**Table 3-4. Transmission Data Examples in Buffered Mode With STX and ETX Included**

Action	Port Powered Insert Reader Data	PC Data
PC Sets Buffered Mode		<ESC>B (0x1B, 0x42)
PC Sets STX		<ESC>S (0x1B, 0x53)
PC Sets ETX		<ESC>E (0x1B, 0x45)
Card Inserted	<STX>1<ETX> (0x02, 0x31, 0x03)	
PC Sends Inquiry		<ESC>I (0x1B, 0x49)
If bad read on insert, reader just sends status	<STX>1<ETX> (0x02, 0x31, 0x03)	
If good read on insert, sends card data	<STX>%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?1<ETX>	
Card removed	<STX>0<ETX> (0x02, 0x30, 0x03)	
PC Sends Inquiry		<ESC>I (0x1B, 0x49)
Sends card data	<STX>%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?0<ETX>	
PC Sends Inquiry		<ESC>I (0x1B, 0x49)
Sends card data (data remains in buffer until a release command has been received)	<STX>%<track 1 data>;<track 2 data>?0<ETX>	
Buffer cleared (released)		<ESC>R (0x1B, 0x52)
PC Sends Inquiry		<ESC>I (0x1B, 0x49)
Sends status	<STX>0<ETX> (0x02, 0x30, 0x03)	



## APPENDIX A. OPTIONAL FIRMWARE FEATURES

### JIS PORT POWERED INSERT READER

Port Powered Insert Reader part number 21065131 (using firmware 21088827) supports both ISO and JIS card reading. By default, it reads the JIS information on track 2. In order to read ISO tracks 1 and 2, disable the JIS collection command by sending <ESC>j (see table A-1).

**Table A-1. Options for 21088827 Firmware (JIS Reader)**

COMMAND PREFIX	TO SET OPTION (DEFAULT)	TO CLEAR OPTION	READER FUNCTION
<ESC> (0x1B)	J (0x4A)	j (0x6A)	Enable JIS

### HALF CARD READER

Port Powered Insert Reader part number 21066008 (using firmware 21088828) supports reading of ISO-formatted tracks 1 and 2 with short tracks (maximum of 51 characters on track 1 and 25 characters on track 2). Additionally, the reader incorporates a Red/Green LED. Either LED can be turned on independently or both can be turned off; the default is off.

**Table A-2. Options for 21088828 Firmware (Half Card Reader)**

COMMAND PREFIX	TO SET OPTION	TO CLEAR OPTION (DEFAULT)	READER FUNCTION
<ESC> (0x1B)	G (0x47)	n/a	Turn Green LED on
<ESC> (0x1B)		O (0x4F)	Turn both LEDs off
<ESC> (0x1B)	L (0x4C)	n/a	Turn Red LED on



## **APPENDIX B. BEZEL DESIGN**

The engineering drawings in this section are for customers interested in designing their own bezel. The examples shown are a typical designs from MagTek.

Please note that the bezel is an active part of the Reader; therefore the bezel design is important for card alignment and the performance of the Reader.



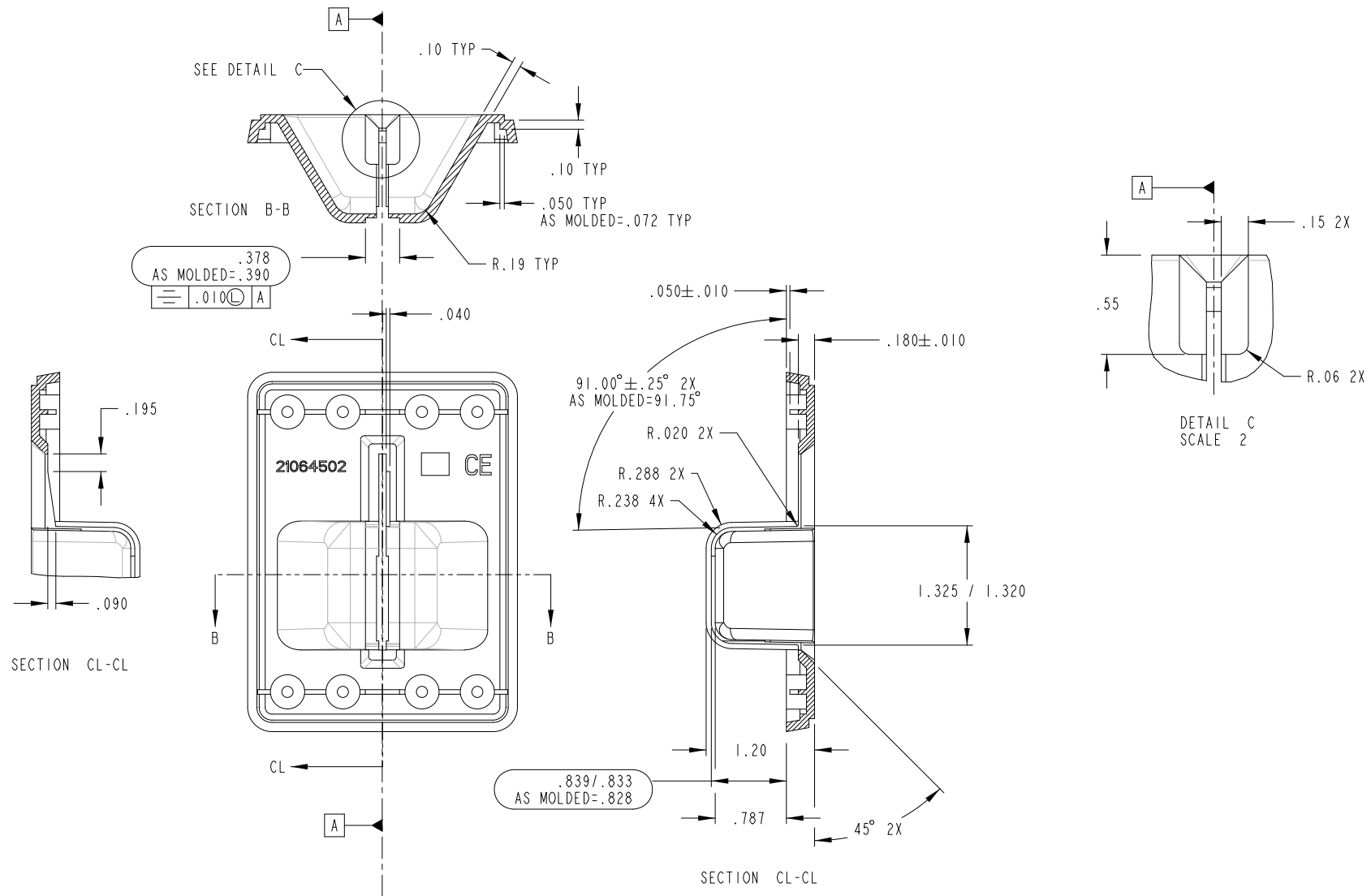


Figure B-2. Dimensions for Flat-Faced Bezel Design, Sheet 2

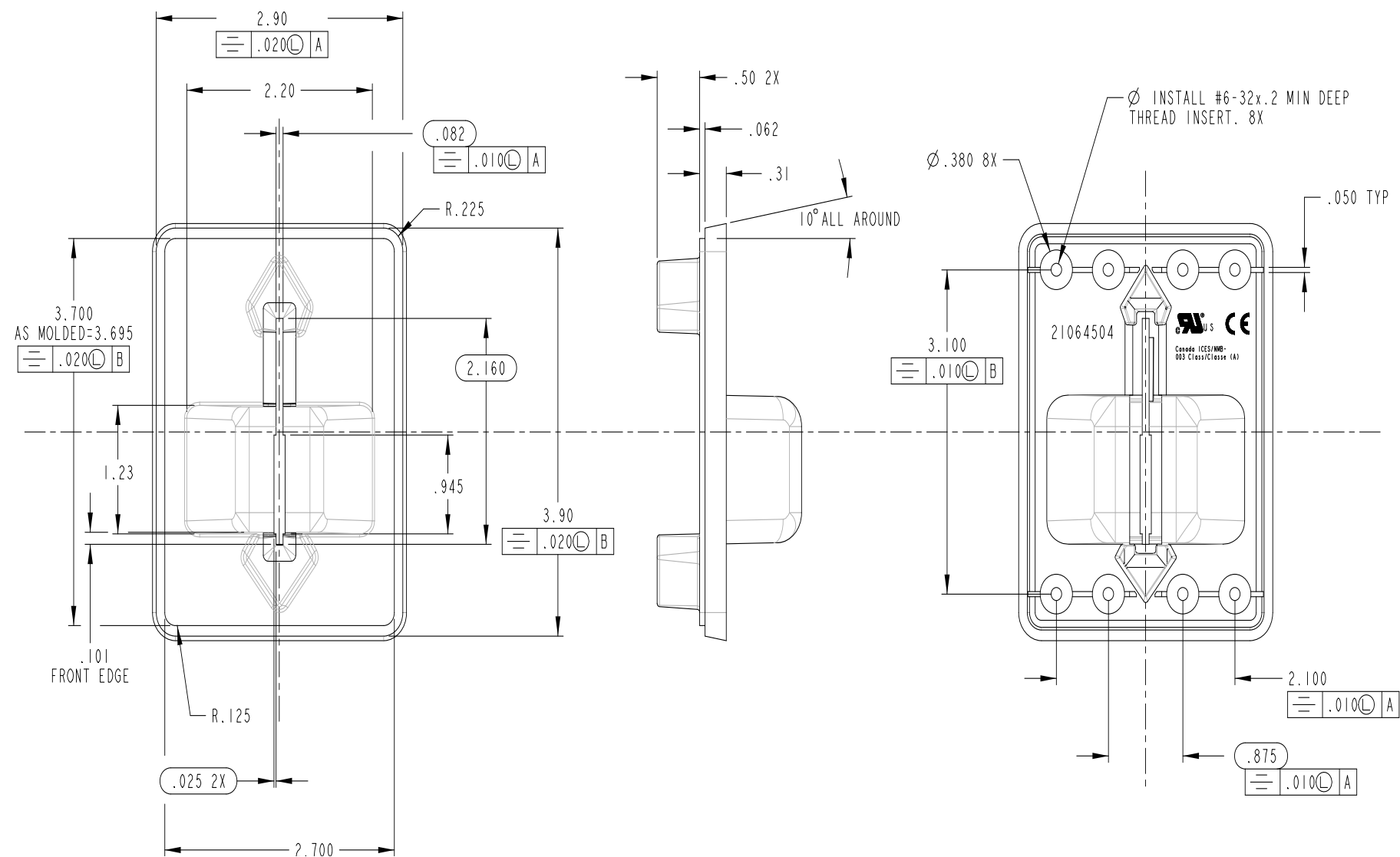
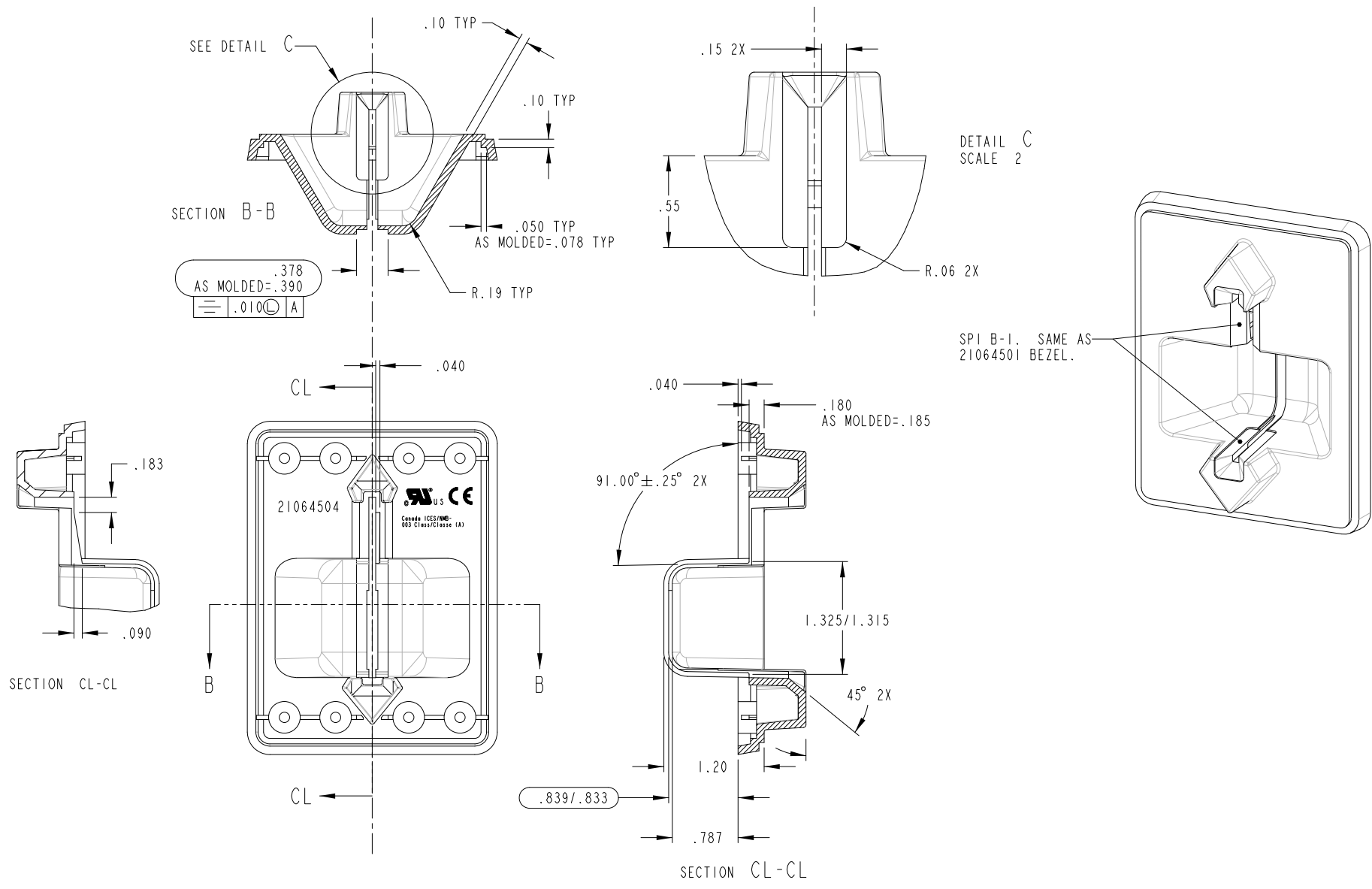


Figure B-3. Dimensions for Extended Bezel Design, Sheet 1



**Figure B-4. Dimensions for Extended Bezel Design, Sheet 2**

